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In re the application of:

Applicant :	Varghese George	Docket No :	03-B-027
Serial No :	10/671,416	Art Unit :	2819
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For :	SELF-PROGRAMMABLE BIDIRECTIONAL BUFFER CIRCUIT AND METHOD	Confirmation No :	9378

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- (3) Comments on Statement on Reasons for Allowance
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Date: March 1, 2006

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In the Examiner's reasons for allowance, he states each independent claim is allowable because the prior art does not teach or suggest a particular element or elements recited in each of the claims. While applicants agree with the Examiner's indication that the prior art does not teach or disclose the particular elements cited by the Examiner, the undersigned would like to note that each claim includes a combination of elements and it is the recited combination, which includes the elements cited by the Examiner, that is not disclosed or suggested by the prior art.

The undersigned would also like to point out that the claims may be allowable for other reasons than those set forth in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Moreover, while the combinations of elements recited in the allowed

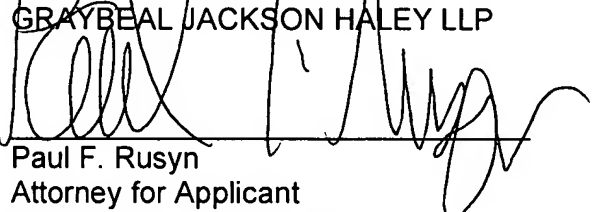


claims are patentable the undersigned would like to point out that some or all of these individual elements may be broadened such that the resulting combination is still patentable. Applicants may elect to pursue such claims, or to pursue claims directed to other aspects of the present invention, through a continuation or reissue application, or through a reexamination proceeding.

If the Examiner believes that a phone interview would be helpful, he is respectfully requested to contact the Applicant's attorney, Paul F. Rusyn, at (425) 455-5575.

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